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Man Charged with Kidnapping, Beating Ex-Girlfriend in Arcadia

An Arcadia man has been charged with beating the mother of his two children when she visited his home last month and then preventing her from escaping, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Robert Michael Mendez (dob 8/26/92) faces one count each of kidnapping and criminal threats and three counts of injuring a girlfriend or child's parent.

The felony complaint includes an allegation that the defendant inflicted great bodily injury under circumstances involving domestic violence.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department D of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pasadena Branch. Case GA106596 was filed on Oct. 2.

Mendez allegedly assaulted the victim on Sept. 29 at his Arcadia home, prosecutors said. When the victim attempted to escape, the defendant reportedly followed the woman and dragged her back to the home while beating her, prosecutors added.

Deputy District Attorney Lisa Tanner is the assigned prosecutor.

Bail is set at \$330,000. Mendez faces a possible maximum sentence of more than 16 years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Arcadia Police Department.

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